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Remarks

Claims 1-23 and 26 are under consideration. Claims 24 and 24 (second occurrence) are canceled without prejudice. Claim 5 is amended to obviate an editorial error.

New claim 26 is presented to define the elected method species with particularity. In view of the cancellation of claims 24, no additional claim fee is believed to be due. In the event an additional claim fee is deemed to be due, kindly charge our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

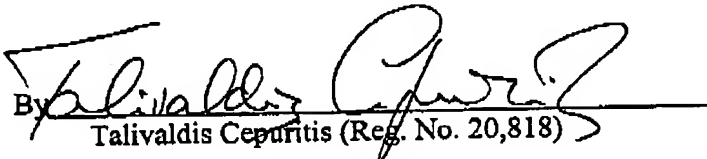
Support for newly presented claim 26 is found, *inter alia*, in the specification at page 2, lines 13-18, page 3, lines 4-10, and page 4, lines 4-9.

Claims 1-6 and 16 read on claim 26.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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